



The National Association of Magnet and Theme-Based Schools

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Magnet Schools of America Recognizes 45 Nationally Certified Schools

August 25, 2022 — Magnet Schools of America (MSA) has named 26 Nationally Certified Schools and 19 Nationally Certified Demonstration Schools, bringing the total number of nationally certified schools across the country to 212. As leading examples of magnet school excellence, these schools provide outstanding learning opportunities for their students and join a growing cohort of recognized magnet programs across the country.

Magnet Schools of America’s National Institute for Magnet School Leadership (NIMSL) developed the certification program in 2016 as a roadmap for magnet schools to reach their fullest potential. Schools are assessed on the [Magnet School Standards of Excellence](#) and the [five pillars of magnet schools](#). Certification applicants submit detailed examples of their work to promote diversity, remove barriers to student success and implement an innovative curriculum, as well as encourage parent and community partnerships in their schools. Becoming a certified magnet school is an extensive, rigorous process that helps schools strengthen their top qualities and gain national recognition for their success.

This cohort’s newly certified schools are located across eight states: Alabama, California, Florida, Illinois, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

The 19 schools that attained Certified Demonstration not only met the Standards of Excellence, but exceeded the criteria and will serve as learning models for magnets across the country to replicate. Among the 212 certified schools to date, 69 have been designated as Certified Demonstration Schools.

“We continue to proudly celebrate our new nationally certified schools,” said Kelly Bucherie, Director for Magnet School Leadership at Magnet Schools of America. “During an uncertain and difficult year, these schools showed what’s possible when faculty, parents, students, and communities come together to do what it takes to deliver a high-quality education for all students. School teams worked tirelessly to meet the Standards of Excellence while promoting diversity and innovative curriculums in the classroom and fostering high-quality learning environments for their students. We are thrilled to see their hard work and commitment to excellence recognized.”

For more information about Magnet Schools of America’s Certification Program, visit: <https://magnet.edu/certification/national-certification>.

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Magnet Schools of America (MSA) is a nonprofit education association that represents more than 4,340 magnet schools serving nearly 3.5 million students across 46 states and the District of Columbia. MSA was founded in 1986 and authorized as a 501(c)3 in 1994. It supports and serves the leaders and teachers of magnet and theme-based schools, while promoting the development of new magnet programs. It also provides technical assistance through the National Institute for Magnet School Leadership (NIMSL).

2022 Nationally Certified Demonstration Schools

School Name	State	Region	District
East Career and Technical Academy	NV	II	Clark County School District
Air Base K-8 Center	FL	III	Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Coral Gables Senior High School	FL	III	Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts	FL	III	Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Young Women's Preparatory Academy	FL	III	Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Wendell Krinn Technical High School	FL	III	Pasco County Public Schools
Douglas L. Jamerson, Jr. Elementary	FL	III	Pinellas County Public Schools
South Seminole Academy of Leadership, Law & Advanced Studies	FL	III	Seminole County Public Schools
Bridge Creek Medical, Engineering, and Discovery through Arts Magnet School	SC	IV	Richland School District Two
Rice Creek Elementary	SC	IV	Richland School District Two
Kelly Mill Middle, INC & Med Pro	SC	IV	Richland School District Two
Lonnie B. Nelson/The Academy for Civic Engagement	SC	IV	Richland School District Two

Center for Knowledge/Center for Knowledge North	SC	IV	Richland School District Two
Dent Middle School	SC	IV	Richland School District Two
North Springs Elementary - STEMS	SC	IV	Richland School District Two
Leaphart Elementary School STEAM Magnet	SC	IV	School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties
Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary	NC	IV	Wake County Public Schools
Mission Avenue STEM Magnet Elementary	NM	VI	Albuquerque Public Schools
Valley High School - Engineering the Future	NM	VI	Albuquerque Public Schools

2022 Nationally Certified Magnet Schools

School Name	State	Region	District
David G. Millen Law and Government Magnet Academy	CA	II	Palmdale School District
Space and Aeronautics Gateway to Exploration Magnet Academy (S.A.G.E.)	CA	II	Palmdale School District
Cactus Medical, Health, and Technology Magnet Academy	CA	II	Palmdale School District
Desert Willow Fine Arts, Science and Technology Academy	CA	II	Palmdale School District
Academy for Academics and Arts	AL	III	Huntsville City Schools
Stewart Middle Magnet School	FL	III	Hillsborough County Public Schools
Design & Architecture Senior High School	FL	III	Miami-Dade County Public Schools
G.W. Carver Middle School	FL	III	Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Medical Academy for Science and Technology (MAST@Homestead)	FL	III	Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Herbert A. Ammons Middle School	FL	III	Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Sunset Elementary International Studies Magnet Program	FL	III	Miami-Dade County Public Schools
BioTECH @ Richmond Heights 9-12	FL	III	Miami-Dade County Public Schools
iPrep Academy	FL	III	Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Charles H. Parker Academic Center , formerly Barringer Academic Center	NC	IV	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
Millbrook Magnet High School	NC	IV	Wake County Public Schools
Farmington Woods IB/PYP Magnet Elementary School	NC	IV	Wake County Public Schools
Brentwood Magnet Elementary School of Engineering	NC	IV	Wake County Public Schools
Conn Magnet Elementary School of Entrepreneurial Design	NC	IV	Wake County Public Schools
Stough Magnet Elementary	NC	IV	Wake County Public Schools
Wake STEM Early College High School	NC	IV	Wake County Public Schools
H. E. Corley Elementary School Leadership Magnet and Montessori Magnet	SC	IV	School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties
Nursery Road Elementary School-Arts Magnet	SC	IV	School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties
Bartlett High School STEM Academy	IL	VI	Elgin Area Schools
Streamwood High School LEAD Academy/World Languages and International Studies Academy	IL	VI	Elgin Area Schools
Larkin High School, Visual and Performing Arts Academy	IL	VI	Elgin Area Schools
Early College Academy	NM	VI	Albuquerque Public Schools